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**From:** spy1 [spy1@comporium.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 04, 2005 11:44 PM  
**To:** qrulepubliccomments  
**Subject:** On your proposed rule for tracking/quarantining/maintaining records on air and ship passengers

**Importance:** High

I believe your current proposed regulations concerning the tracking/quarantining/maintaining records of air and ship passengers to be (at best) misguided and

useless.

At worst, it shows you to be nothing but a lackey for the government organizations who have tried (and failed) to make mandatory tracking of passengers -

complete with massive amounts of un-necessary and privacy-invasive information of such passengers - the new norm.

My argument boils down to this - once a person infected with ANY disease (and this especially applies to "bird flu" or whatever the pandemic of the hour might

be) gets into the country, tracking their friends, having all their phone numbers, family, point-of-origin, etc. is completely meaningless from all but a scientific

curiosity point-of-view - the damage is already done.

The quarantine powers you ask for will undoubtedly backfire on people who can least afford to be mis-identified as being dangerously (contagiously) sick -

while those intent on suicidally spreading a biowarfare disease will likewise undoubtedly be smart enough to time their preliminary infection with the agent so as

NOT to cause them to be visually "sick" upon entering the country.

Thus, I see no reason for your organization to play "waterboy" for the more clandestine three-letter agencies (by collecting and holding massive amounts of highly personal information on air and sea travelers).

It's useless and it's a further erosion of what little privacy we have left.

Think about what you're asking for and give it a rest. It's too transparent for words.  
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